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BILL NO.: **SB 62**

TITLE: Labor and Employment – Security Maryland Wage Act

SPONSOR: Senator Hayes

COMMITTEE: Finance

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

DATE: February 6, 2020

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** Senate Bill 62 – Labor and Employment – Security Maryland Wage Act. Under this proposed legislation, a higher wage standard would be applied to employees who spend at least half of their time working at a heightened security interest location such as the Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI) or the Port of Baltimore.

In jobs at heightened security interest locations – where high turnover rates and inexperienced employees are potentially very dangerous – providing workers with appropriate wages and benefits is critical to national security. It is in the interest of the State to take steps to attract and retain experienced and trained workers. This strategy has already been adopted by Dulles International Airport and Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport for this very reason.

SB 62 stands to benefit more than twenty-five hundred residents from Baltimore County who currently work at BWI, while also attracting more experienced workers to the area. This legislation invests in the hardworking people who go to work every day and keep our key transportation infrastructure points running smoothly, maintaining these sites as hubs for our State and local economies.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests a **FAVORABLE** report on SB 62. For more information, please contact Chuck Conner, Chief Legislative Officer, at 443-900-6582.